

Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

Grantee: EPIPHANY CARING FOR LIFE

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Goal: Provide pregnancy support services to pregnant women and families in Anoka County

For the period: October 1 to December 31, 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Service Coordinator: Provide guidance to grant staff, attend grant meetings, complete grant forms; manage grant funds and program donations; schedule/report meetings; recruit, screen and train volunteer; update guidelines and protocols; track baby equipment supply/requests/recalls, develop resources to expand supply; track housing resources and emergency shelter availability; reorganize and update baby closet		Attended and coordinated the annual ECL baby shower fundraiser (10/3 & 10/4). Participated in an ECL team meeting to update policies and procedures (10/29) Updated client housing resources (10/18). Coordinated with a local multiples club to adopt an ECL family for Christmas and delivered presents to the selected client (11/2, 12/10). Attended a trauma and awareness training for women (11/7). Signed up three ECL clients for our Church Christmas program (12/11).	
Administrative Activities	Client Service Advocate: maintain client tracking program and database and review for possible updating; recruit, train and evaluate care line volunteers; administer Hotline; review intakes; update training manuals; update volunteers regarding policies, procedures and resources; coordinate companion education/training, provide speakers, communicate/support companion, assess companion support and client satisfaction; coordinate Angel Wings miscarriage support program and volunteers; investigate and develop social media; investigate and develop new fundraising options		Attended and performed outreach at the annual ECL baby shower fundraiser (10/3 & 10/4). Participated in an ECL team meeting to update policies and procedures (10/29), attended positive parenting training at Anoka county (10/13), and supporting struggling families training (10/14). Networked with Epiphany school PTO to organize a successful diaper drive (11/22). Attended Church of Epiphany parish core meeting to update board of directors on ECL progress (12/8). Did outreach with the local YMCA teen counselors (12/10). Continued to keep social media client resources updated and maintained client database.	

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Administrative Activities	Support Assistant: Procure car seats; review and update baby bed and car seat application protocols, and guidelines; provide assistance in completing financial assistance applications; schedule and meet new clients regarding Safe Sleep education and car seat safety, provide additional resources as needed		The support assistant continued to review and provide support to clients in filling out applications for qualifying programs. Distributed pack and plays and sleep safety education and car seats and car safety education. Attended and helped with annual ECL baby shower fundraiser (10/3 & 10/4). Participated in an ECL team meeting to update policies and procedures for applications (10/29). Coordinated an event for faith formation students to decorate baby onesies for ECL clients.	
Outreach	Increase community access and visibility; continue community education and maintain contacts		CS networked with local pro-life group at St. Pauls Church in Ham Lake and scheduled to attend a meeting (11/13). CS also met with local Head Start director regarding a new preschool and daycare program for low income clients (11/23/15). CSA outreached to school PTO to recruit volunteers, explain services, and partnered for a diaper and food drive (11/3).	
Car Seat Program	Provide car seat education and installation training to clients	4	Reviewed and provided support to clients for 8 car seat applications. Distributed car seats and car seat safety education to 4 clients.	4
Case Management Services	Client Service Advocate (CSA) provides assessment and support; follow-up regarding need for necessary services; provide additional information and support.	50	Provided case management services to 50 clients, through follow up calls and continued mentoring. Gave referral information on ECFE parenting education to 5 clients. Gave holiday referrals for meals and gifts to 4 clients.	50
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Review applications and distribute pack and plays and cribs to qualifying clients; provide Sleep Safety Education to clients receiving baby beds.	10	Received and reviewed 11 pack and play applications with clients. Distributed a pack and play and safe sleep education to 4 qualifying clients.	4

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Financial Assistance	Assist clients in completing financial assistance applications; provide food gift cards for specialty formula or diapers and gas cards for transportation to school or work	17	The support assistant reviewed 19 financial applications and called clients back to confirm information and help with the completion of applications. If clients did not qualify for the service the support assistant and client service advocate connected them with other local organizations that could provide help.	19
Hotline	Provide 24 hour care line for personal support; offer necessary services to callers	8	The CSA answered 75 calls total, and 9 clients received necessary service information through the hotline only.	9
Material Support	Provide baby and maternity clothing and other items for pregnant and parenting women	20	Forty-six clients visited the baby closet and received material support.	46
Mentoring Program	Provide long term support to clients through trained companions/mentors.	2	Two clients received extensive long term emotional support. One client who was struggling with a difficult family situation received extensive support from a companion. Another client received parenting resources and support dealing with a colicky infant.	2
Nutrition	Provide baby food and formula; provide food shelf assistance	4	Thirteen clients received nutrition support; 6 received formula and 7 received baby food.	13
Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	10	Provided intake assessments only and assistance through referrals to 11 clients.	11
Transportation	Provide transportation resources to clients and gas cards to qualified clients	20	Twenty clients received transportation resources.	20

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	20
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	20
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	20
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	20

Challenges: Distribution of pack n plays was lower than expected this quarter, due to fewer requests this quarter. Additionally, in the previous quarter of this year ECL handed out 16 pack n plays instead of the typical 8, a 50% increase.

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